

Health Care Provider Fact Sheet

Disease Name

3-methylcrotonyl-CoA carboxylase deficiency

Alternate name(s)

3-methylcrotonylglycinuria

Acronym

3-MCC

Disease Classification

Organic Acid Disorder

Variants

Late-onset form

Variant name

Late-onset 3-methylcrotonyl-CoA carboxylase deficiency

Symptom onset

Many individuals remain asymptomatic into adulthood. Others present in late infancy (generally after 3 months).

Symptoms

Infants can present with a Reye-like syndrome of ketoacidosis, hypoglycemia, hyperammonemia which can lead to seizures, coma and possibly death. Others present with failure to thrive, hypotonia or spasticity. Late-onset 3-MCC may present as developmental delay without Reye-like syndrome. Symptomatic adults often report general weakness and fatigue. Many individuals are asymptomatic.

Natural history without treatment

Primary manifestations appear to be muscular hypotonia and atrophy. Individuals with Reye-like illnesses may die or suffer neurologic insult during these episodes.

Natural history with treatment

Once over the initial crisis, most individuals have been intellectually normal. It is uncertain whether treatment modifies disease course.

Treatment

Protein restricted diet. Leucine-free medical foods. Possible carnitine supplementation. Giving treatment to asymptomatic individuals is of questionable value.

Other

Newborn screening has led to the diagnosis of asymptomatic women whose infants have transiently elevated isovalerylcarnitine.

Physical phenotype

None

Inheritance

Autosomal recessive

General population incidence

1:50,000

Ethnic differences

No known population at increase risk

Population

N/A

Ethnic incidence

N/A

Enzyme location

Inner membrane of the mitochondria, liver and kidney.

Enzyme Function

Breakdown of leucine

Missing Enzyme

3-methylcrotonyl-CoA carboxylase

Metabolite changes

Increased 3-hydroxyisovaleric acid, increased 3-methylcrotonylglycine.

Gene

MCCA/MCCB

Gene location

3q25-q27, 5q12-q13.1

DNA testing available

Sequencing available internationally

DNA testing detail

No common mutations

Prenatal testing

May be possible for at-risk pregnancies using enzymatic analysis.

MS/MS Profile

C5:1 (tigyl or 3-methylcrotonyl carnitine) elevated
C5-OH (3-hydroxy-2-methylbutyryl carnitine)- elevated

OMIM Link

www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/dispomim.cgi?id=210200

Genetests Link

www.genetests.org

Support Group

Organic Acidemia Association
www.oaanews.org

Save Babies through Screening Foundation
www.savebabies.org

Genetic Alliance
www.geneticalliance.org